



Advancing Your Craft

An Intermediate Bag-Making Workshop

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Build Something More Refined

This workshop is built for makers who've already completed a beginner session and want to move beyond a simple pouch into more structured, technically demanding pieces — the kind that require precision at every stage.

You'll construct a fully lined, structured bag — including pattern-drafting adjustments, interior pocket construction, reinforced seams, and hardware installation that holds up under daily use. This session assumes comfort with basic hand-stitching and focuses on the techniques that separate a good first project from a piece you'd actually want to carry every day.

Class sizes remain small, but expect less hand-holding and more independent problem-solving — with our artisans on hand for technical guidance exactly when you need it.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this workshop, you will be able to:

- Adjust and true a pattern for structural accuracy before cutting
- Construct a fully lined interior, including a functional pocket
- Reinforce stress points using techniques such as box stitching and edge doubling
- Execute clean, consistent saddle stitching at a faster, more confident pace
- Install structural hardware — feet, D-rings, and a secure closure — with precise placement
- Achieve a professional-grade edge finish using burnishing and edge paint
- Troubleshoot common construction issues, including tension problems and misaligned panels

What You'll Cover

Module	What You'll Do	Duration
1. Pattern Refinement	Review and adjust a structured bag pattern, and understand how seam allowance affects final dimensions.	30 minutes
2. Precision Cutting & Marking	Cut structured panels including gussets and base pieces, and work with interfacing for structured shapes.	40 minutes
3. Interior Construction	Construct an interior pocket and assemble a lining, managing bulk at seams for a clean finish.	50 minutes
4. Advanced Stitching Techniques	Learn box stitching for reinforced corners, edge doubling, and refine stitch speed across longer seams.	70 minutes
5. Hardware & Structural Assembly	Install bag feet, D-rings, and a secure closure, then assemble the body, gussets, and base.	50 minutes
6. Professional Finishing	Advanced burnishing, edge paint application, and final quality inspection.	30 minutes

Total duration: approximately 4.5 hours, including a short break.

BEFORE YOU JOIN

Prerequisites & What to Expect

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Completion of a beginner leather workshop (ours or equivalent), or basic comfort with hand-stitching, cutting, and simple assembly.

AGE REQUIREMENT

Ages 16 and above, due to extended use of sharp tools.

WHAT TO BRING

- Comfortable clothing you don't mind marking slightly
- Closed-toe shoes, required for this session
- Your prior finished piece, if you have one — optional, for reference

WHAT'S PROVIDED

- All leather, lining, hardware, and tools for your project
- A structured pattern for the day's build
- A take-home care guide

Group Size

Limited to a small number of participants per session, ensuring individual guidance throughout the day.

Ready to build something more refined?

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